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SUBJECT:SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

1. MR. JULIAN EUEL6, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, ARRIVING KINGSTON 17 OCTOBER, 1508 HOURS, EASTERN FLIGHT 786; DEPARTING 19 OCTOBER, 1B15 HOURS, BRITISH WEST INDIES FLIGHT 401. HOTEL RESERVATIONS REQUESTED.

2. PURPOSE IS TO EXTEND SMITHSONIAN INVITATION TO GOJ TO PARTICIPATE IN 1976 FESTIVAL ON TERMS ROUGHLY LIKE 1975 PARTICIPATION. INVITATION REQUESTS 25 FOLK ARTISTS, ONE GUIDING FOLKLORIST, ONE TOUR ADMINISTRATOR.

3. SIX CARIBBEAN AND SIX AFRICAN NATIONS BEING INVITED TO PERFORM TWO WEEKS EACH DURING TWELVE WEEK FESTIVAL WITH U.S. ARTISTS, THEN TOUR FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS TO JOIN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS IN FOUR OR SIX CITIES. JAMAICA TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR OPENING WEEKS, JUNE 13 THROUGH 27, PAIRED WITH GHANA. AGAIN, "AFRICAN DIASPORA" DEMONSTRATES CONTINUITY OF BLACK CULTURAL PATTERNS WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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CARIBBEAN AND AFRICAN FOLK ARTISTS PERFORMING WITH

AMERICANS CARRYING ON SAME TRADITIONS.

4. AGAIN, JAMAICA ASKED TO FUND PREPARING PARTICIPANTS

FOR TOUR, COMPENSATING PARTICIPANTS FOR LOST WORK-TIME, ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE TO WASHINGTON. SMITHSONIAN PAYS ALL DOMESTIC TRAVEL, BOARD, LODGING, TEN DOLLARS PER DAY POCKET MONEY EACH PARTICIPANT. TOUR CONTINGENT ON SMITHSONIAN BEING SATISFIED CLAIMS FOR LOST WORK-TIME BEING ADEQUATELY COMPENSATED.

5. EUELL AND DIASPORA STAFF CALLED ON MRS. AUDREY THOMPSON, JAMAICA CULTURAL OFFICER, WASHINGTON, AND LEFT COPY OF INVITATION PLUS LIST OF 18 FOLK ARTISTS SELECTED ON EARLIER TRIP BY DR. LEONARD GOINES AS BEING DESIRABLE FOR 1976 FESTIVAL. MRS. THOMPSON INDICATED IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR EUELL TO PRESENT OFFICIAL INVITATION TO MRS. JEAN SMITH. REQUEST USIS ARRANGE APPOINTMENT. MR. JAMES EARLY, FOLKLORE CONSULTANT, WILL VISIT JAMAICA FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK, PROBABLY LATE NOVEMBER, TO COMPLETE SELECTION OF 1976 PARTICIPANTS.

6. SMITHSONIAN MAILING USIS COPY OF INVITATION, 1975 FESTIVAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION, EUELL AND EARLY BIO DATA. WILL AGAIN APPRECIATE POST GUIDANCE AND COOPERATION. KISSINGER

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